

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A content recording/erasing apparatus which intermittently erases an unnecessary content from a recording medium part by part in parallel with recording a desired content into said recording medium, comprising:

5 a first setter for setting in a register a numeral relating to a total amount of a remaining amount of said recording medium and an amount of said unnecessary content prior to a start of erasing said unnecessary content; and

a subtracter for periodically subtracting the numeral set in said register.

2. A content recording/erasing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a detector for detecting a remaining amount of said recording medium when erasing of said unnecessary content is completed; and

a second setter for setting in said register a numeral relating to the remaining amount detected by said detector.

15 3. A content recording/erasing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said detector performs a detection of the remaining amount in a cycle longer than a subtraction cycle by said subtracter.

4. A content recording/erasing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

20 a guide for guiding a start of erasing prior to an actual start of erasing said unnecessary content; and

a remaining amount display for performing a remaining amount display operation based on the numeral set in said register.

25 5. A content recording/erasing method which intermittently erases unnecessary content from a recording medium part by part in parallel with recording a desired content

into said recording medium, comprising steps of:

- (a) setting in a register a numeral relating to a total amount of a remaining amount of said recording medium and an amount of said unnecessary content prior to a start of erasing said unnecessary content; and
- 5 (b) periodically subtracting the numeral set in said register.